ROCK LEE'S SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH

CHAPTER 23: DISBANDING?! INO-SHIKA-CHO?!

THE MEMBERS OF TEAM 10 ALWAYS GET ALONG WELL TOGETHER. BUT, IS THERE...TROUBLE IN PARADISE...?!

THE THIRD VOLUME HAS BEEN SELLING LIKE CRAZY!!

THE ANIME IS AIRING ON TV! EVERY TUESDAY AT 5:30 P.M ON TV TOKYO!

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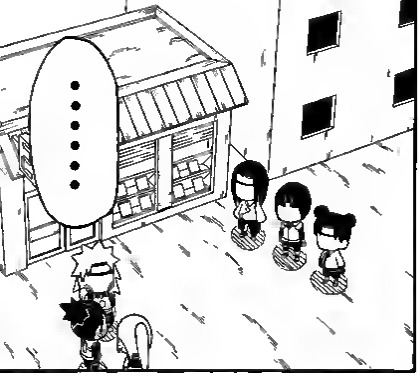
BASED ON MASASHI KISHIMOTO'S NARUTO

HEY, WHAT DO YOU SAY WE STOP THERE AND GET SOME SNACKS?
SURE... THAT'S FINE...
AND WHO DO THEY PASS THEIR SNACK BREAK, BUT...
AH!
THAT'S CHOJI, SHIKAMARU AND INO!
THOSE THREE REALLY GET ALONG WELL...
HEY, GUYS...!
IT'S OVER...
TEAM INO-SHIKA-CHO IS DISBANDING!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IT'S WHEN THE TEAM MEMBERS SPLIT UP AND THE TEAM IS NO MORE..
DISBANDING..?

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EEH HHH HHH HHH HHH!!!!

NOTHING REALLY HAPPENED...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, THESE TWO...
WHAT HAPPENED? YOU THREE ALWAYS GOT ALONG SO WELL...!!
YOU GUYS...

THAT'S ALL YOU'RE FIGHTING ABOUT?!
I WANTED TO EAT SOME CONSOMME PUNCH POTATO CHIPS,
BUT THESE TWO KNUCKLEHEADS THINK OTHER FLAVORS ARE BETTER!!
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MANGA STREAM

GEEZ, HOW TROUBLESOME. TAKE THE MIDDLE GROUND...
THE SALTED SEAWEED FLAVOR IS JUST FINE... IT'S DELICIOUS...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, INO...
THE LIGHTLY SALTED CHIP IS THE BEST POTATO CHIP OF ALL TIME... NAY THE BEST SNACK OF ALL TIME!!
TH...THAT'S ALL...?!
NO OTHER FLAVOR OF CHIP COMES CLOSE TO CONSOMME PUNCH!
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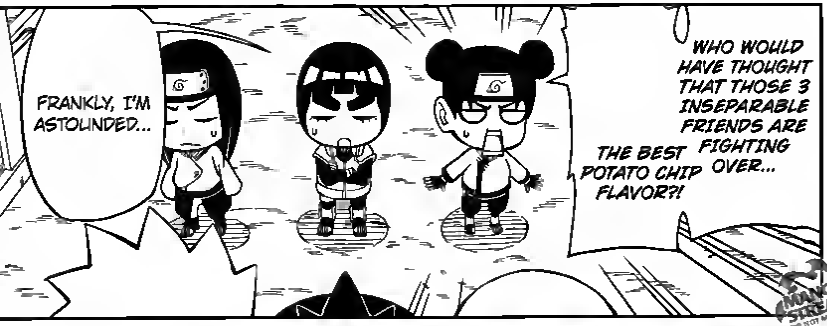
JUST.
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! AND I'M NOT FAT! LIGHTLY SALTED FOR LIIIIIIIFE!!
EATING LOADS AND LOADS OF THOSE LIGHTLY SALTED CHIPS IS PROBABLY WHY CHOJI'S SO FAT...UH.
UGH...IT'S WOMEN THAT ARE TROUBLE-SOME...
TROUBLE-SOME? GETTING THE SALTED SEA-WEED STUCK IN YOUR TEETH IS TROUBLESOME!


FRANKLY, I'M ASTOUNDED...
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THOSE 3 INSEPARABLE FRIENDS ARE FIGHTING OVER... THE BEST POTATO CHIP FLAVOR?!

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GET IT TOGETHER, ALL OF YOU...
YOU'RE JUST ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE, LEE!!!
MY BROTHER !!!
OF COURSE THE BEST POTATO CHIP FLAVOR IS LIGHTLY SALTED!

DID YOU REALLY NEED TO ACTIVATE YOUR BYAKUGAN TO SAY THAT, NEJI?
SALTED SEAWEED IS THE ONLY TRUE FLAVOR!
MANGA STREAM
WHAT KIND OF NICKNAME IS THAT? CUT IT OUT!
THAT MAKES INO THE ONLY MS. 'SOMME PUNCH.
UH, WELL, I SORT OF LIKE THEM ALL...
HEY, TENTEN, WHAT FLAVOR DO YOU LIKE?
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...IT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL FOR YOU ALL TO BE FIGHTING...

YO.
ASUMA-SENSEI !!!
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HMMM MMM...
IF ASUMA-SENSEI SAYS CONSOMME PUNCH, I'LL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE FOR SURE
POTATO CHIP FLAVOR?
YEAH...
I'M A FAN OF SOUR CREAM AND ONION...

I WAS CARELESS ...I DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH A REFINED PALATE...
AREN'T YOU GUYS A LITTLE TOO SURPRISED BY THIS?!
SUCH AN EXTRA-VAGANT CHOICE ...!!!
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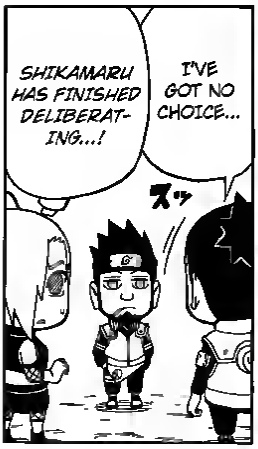
S...SOUR CREAM AND ONION?!


SHIKAMARU HAS FINISHED DELIBERAT-ING...!
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE...
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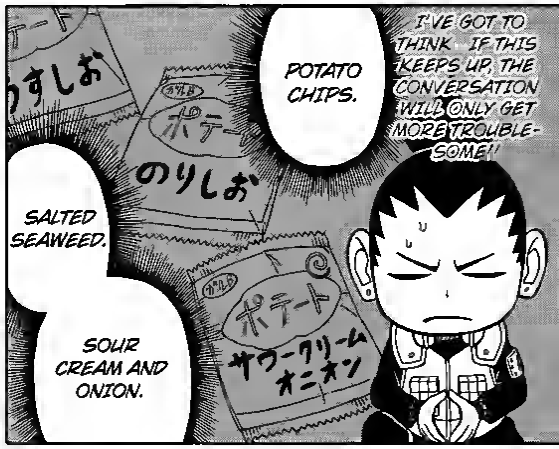
POTATO CHIPS.
SALTED SEAWEED.
SOUR CREAM AND ONION.
I'VE GOT TO THINK IF THIS KEEPS UP, THE CONVERSATION WILL ONLY GET MORE TROUBLE-SOME!!
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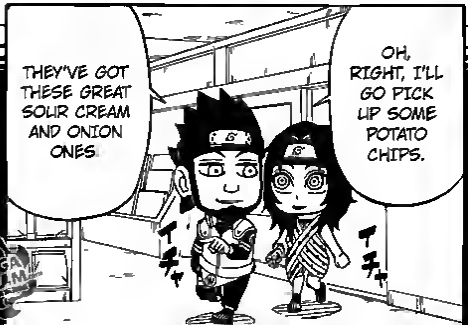
THEY'VE GOT THESE GREAT SOUR CREAM AND ONION ONES.
OH, RIGHT, I'LL GO PICK UP SOME POTATO CHIPS.
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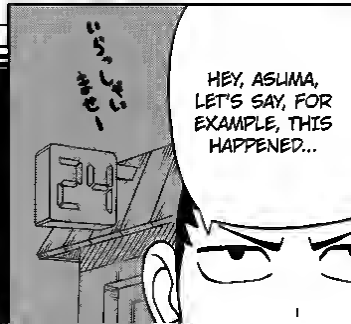
HEY, ASUMA, LET'S SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS HAPPENED...
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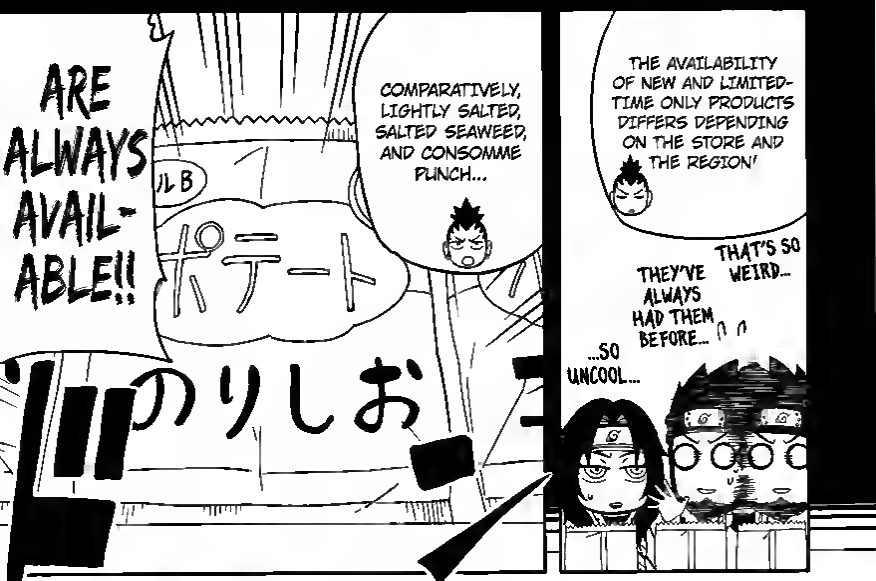
T/L: LIGHTLY SALTED, SALTED SEAWEED, CONSOMM


ARE ALWAYS AVAIL-ABLE!!
COMPARATIVELY, LIGHTLY SALTED, SALTED SEAWEED, AND CONSOMME PUNCH...
THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW AND LIMITED-TIME ONLY PRODUCTS DIFFERS DEPENDING ON THE STORE AND THE REGION!
THAT'S SO WEIRD...
THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD THEM BEFORE...
...SO UNCOOL...
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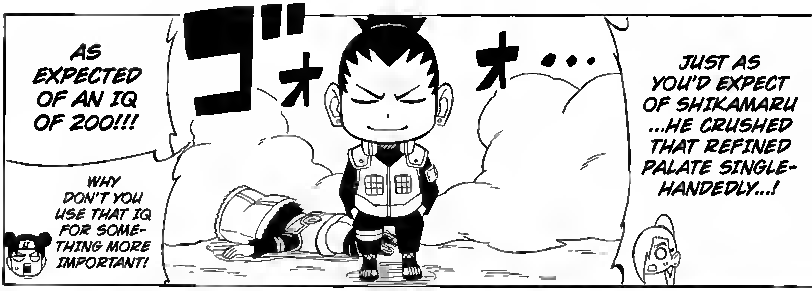
WHAT A MISSTEP... IF ONLY I HAD CHOSEN SALTED SEAWEED FROM THE BEGINNING.....
IF THEY DON'T HAVE SOUR CREAM AND ONION, I'D BUY SALTED SEAWEED...!!


AS EXPECTED OF AN IQ OF 200!!!
WHY DON'T YOU USE THAT IQ FOR SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT!
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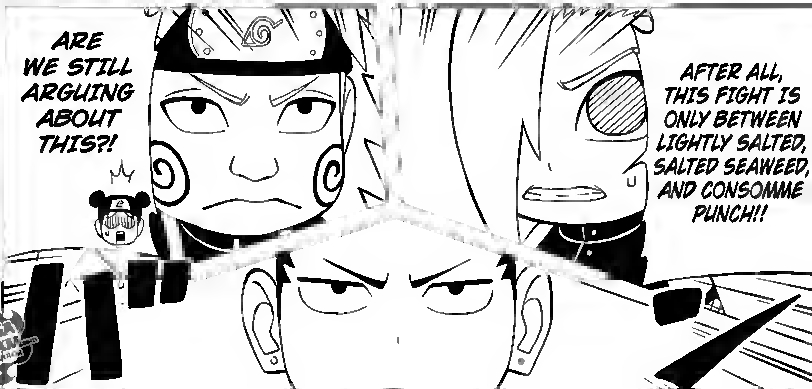
JUST AS YOU'D EXPECT OF SHIKAMARU ...HE CRUSHED THAT REFINED PALATE SINGLE-HANDEDLY...!



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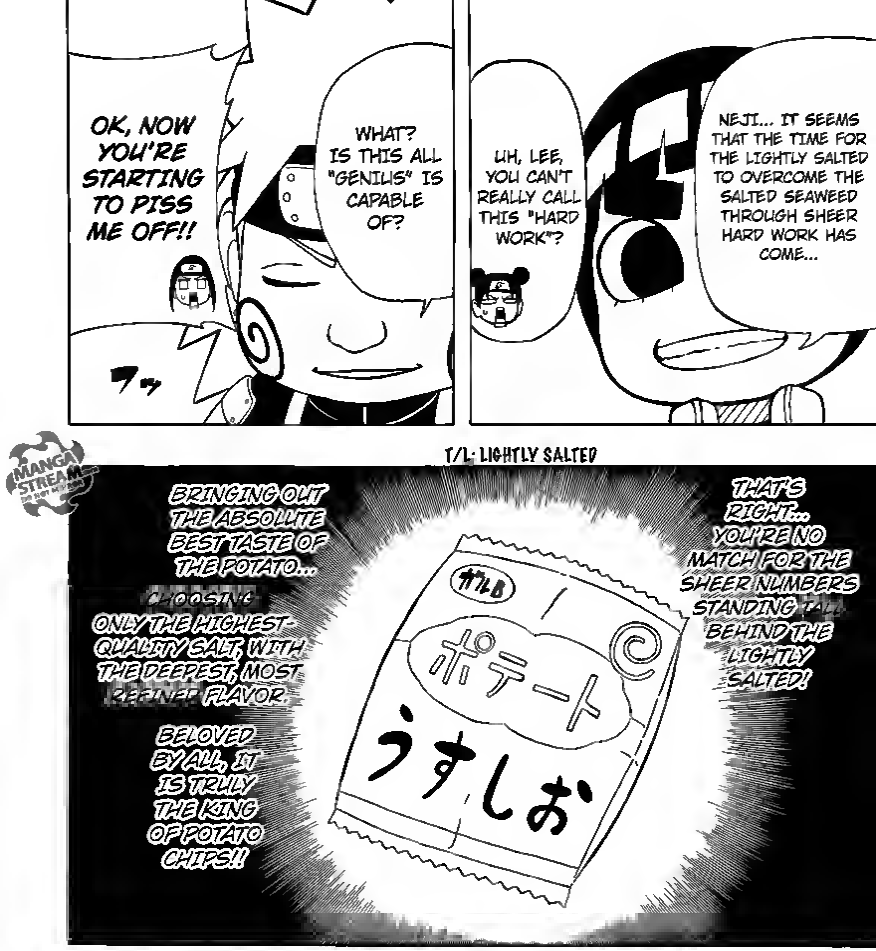
CONSUMED EVERY MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
LATER, THIS POTATO CHIP ARGUMENT...
MANGA STREAM
WHEN DID CHOUJI START TO ACT LIKE A MAFIA BOSS!
HOW'S THIS? IT SEEMS THAT LIGHTLY SALTED IS THE MOST POPULAR FLAVOR IN THE VILLAGE!!
HEH...
TCH COMPARED TO THAT, SALTED SEAWEED IS
AND EVERY-ONE'S WEARING CHIP BAGS LIKE HELMETS! IS THAT SOME KIND OF RULE?!


OK, NOW YOU'RE STARTING TO PISS ME OFF!!
WHAT? IS THIS ALL "GENIUS" IS CAPABLE OF?
UH, LEE, YOU CAN'T REALLY CALL THIS "HARD WORK"?
NEJI... IT SEEMS THAT THE TIME FOR THE LIGHTLY SALTED TO OVERCOME THE SALTED SEAWEED THROUGH SHEER HARD WORK HAS COME...

T/L: LIGHTLY SALTED

BRINGING OUT THE ABSOLUTE BEST TASTE OF THE POTATO...
ONLY THE HIGHEST-QUALITY SALT, WITH THE DEEPEST, MOST [illegible] FLAVOR.
BELOVED BY ALL, IT IS TRULY THE KING OF POTATO CHIPS!!
THAT'S RIGHT... YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THE SHEER NUMBERS STANDING [illegible] BEHIND THE LIGHTLY SALTED!
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T/L: SHADOW IMITATION TECHNIQUE

KAGEMANE NO JUTSU!!
IF I HAVE YOUR GENIUS BY MY SIDE, I'VE GOT ALL THE HANDS I NEED!
...SHIKAMARU, I THINK WE'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE HERE...

I... INCREDIBLE ...NEJI AND SHIKAMARU'S COORDINATION...
AH!
WH... WHAT AN INCREDIBLE TECHNIQUE! THE LIGHTLY SALTED CHIPS ARE BECOMING SALTED SEAWEED...
EIGHT TRIGRAMS: SEAWEED SIXTY-FOUR PALMS!
WHAT?! ISN'T NEJI JUST THROWING SEAWEED BITS EVERYWHERE?!
IF I SHOW THOSE GUYS WHO ONLY EAT LIGHTLY SALTED CHIPS...
THE PERFECT FLAVOR COMBINATION OF SALT AND SEAWEED... IN NO TIME AT ALL, THEY WILL...
WHA... SEAWEED ADDS THIS MUCH TO THE TASTE OF THE CHIP?!
MOREOVER, THE SMELL IS ASTOUNDING...

UH... ONE BY ONE, MY LIGHTLY SALTED ARMY IS DEFECTING TO SALTED SEAWEED !!!
SO THERE WAS A RULE ABOUT WHICH CHIP BAG TO WEAR!
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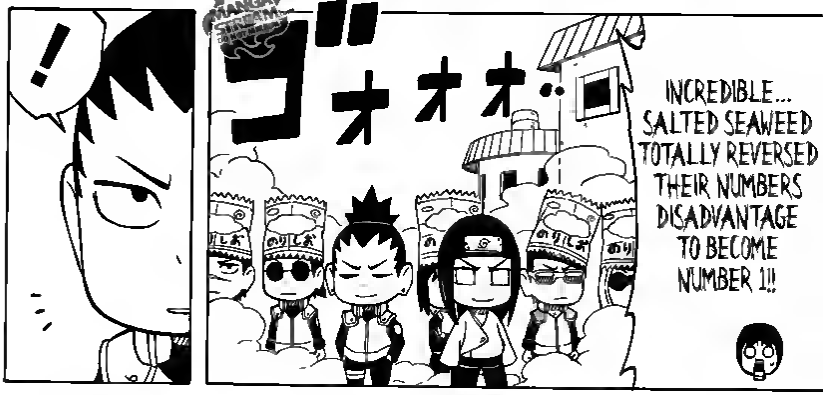
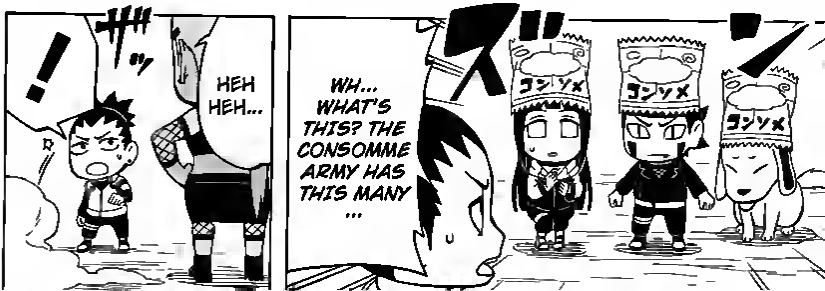
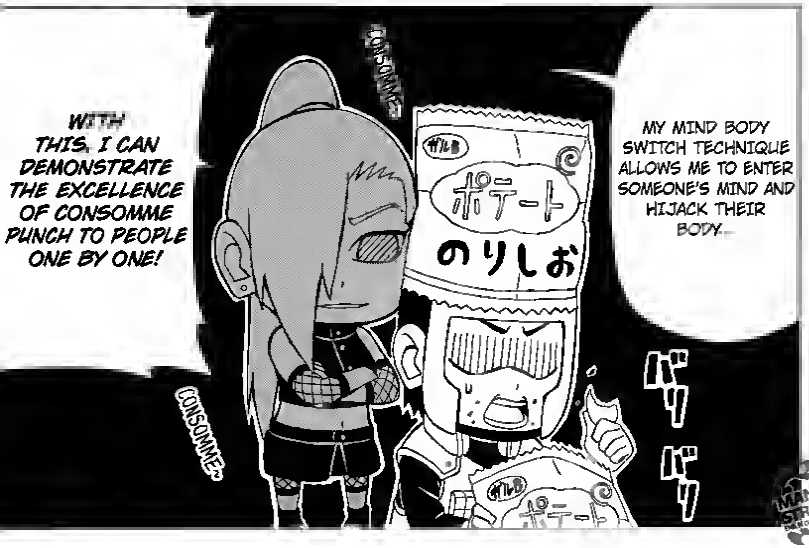
I'M SWITCHING TO SALTED SEAWEED !!!

T/L: SALTED SEAWEED





T/L: MIND BODY SWITCH TECHNIQUE!


WITH THIS, I CAN DEMONSTRATE THE EXCELLENCE OF CONSOMME PUNCH TO PEOPLE ONE BY ONE!
CONSOMME!
CONSOMME~
MY MIND BODY SWITCH TECHNIQUE ALLOWS ME TO ENTER SOMEONE'S MIND AND HIJACK THEIR BODY...
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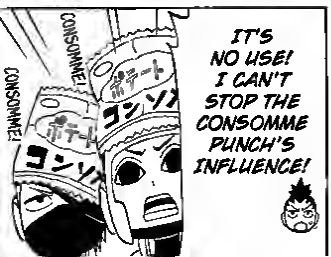

THE YAMANAKA CLAN'S TECHNIQUES WORKED LIKE A MIRACLE ...!!
I SEE.. WITH THIS, SHE CAN MAKE THEM LOVE THE CONSOMME FLAVOR FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS...

AND NOW INO'S ACTING LIKE AN EMPRESS!!
CONSOMME!
CONSOMME!
CONSOMME PUNCH HAS BECOME NUMBER 1!
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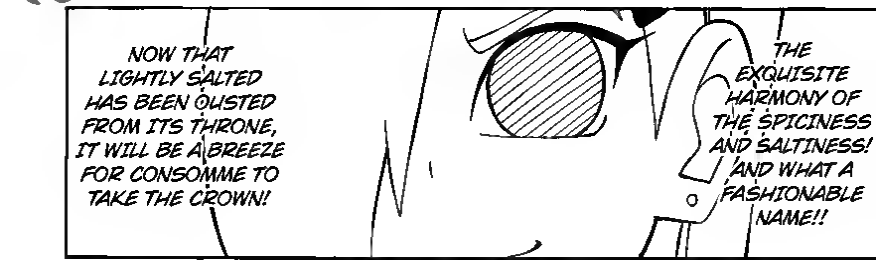
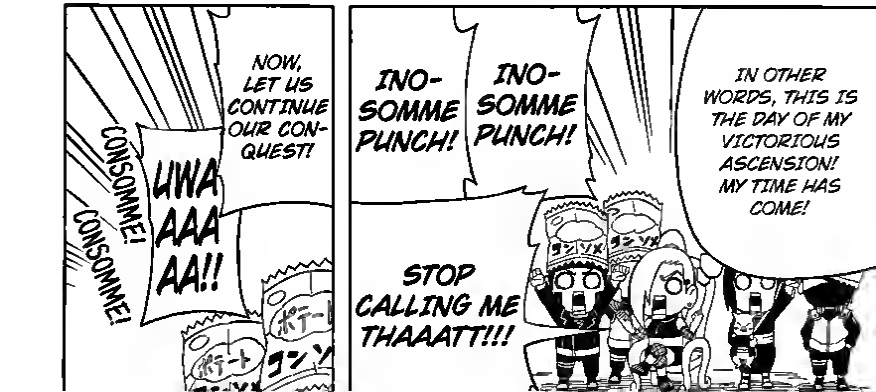

NOW THAT LIGHTLY SALTED HAS BEEN OUSTED FROM ITS THRONE, IT WILL BE A BREEZE FOR CONSOMME TO TAKE THE CROWN!
THE EXQUISITE HARMONY OF THE SPICINESS AND SALTINESS! AND WHAT A FASHIONABLE NAME!!


NOW, LET US CONTINUE OUR CONQUEST!
CONSOMME!
CONSOMME!
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INO-SOMME PUNCH!
INO-SOMME PUNCH!
STOP CALLING ME THAAATT!!!
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS THE DAY OF MY VICTORIOUS ASCENSION! MY TIME HAS COME!

MOST OF THE VILLAGE HAS DEFECTED TO CONSOMME PUNCH...I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT FOR LIGHTED SALTED...
AS FAR AS I KNOW, SHIKAMARU IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF SALTED SEAWEED...
HAA
WHERE DID HE GO? FIND HIM!!
CONSOMME! CONSOMME!
HAA
MANGA STREAM
SHIKAMARU... WHY..EVEN THOUGH YOU ALWAYS LOVED THE LIGHTLY SALTED CHIPS WE ATE TOGETHER...
YOU CAN'T PLAY NINJA TAG WITH US!
THAT'S 'CUZ WHICHEVER TEAM YOU'RE ON ALWAYS LOSES!
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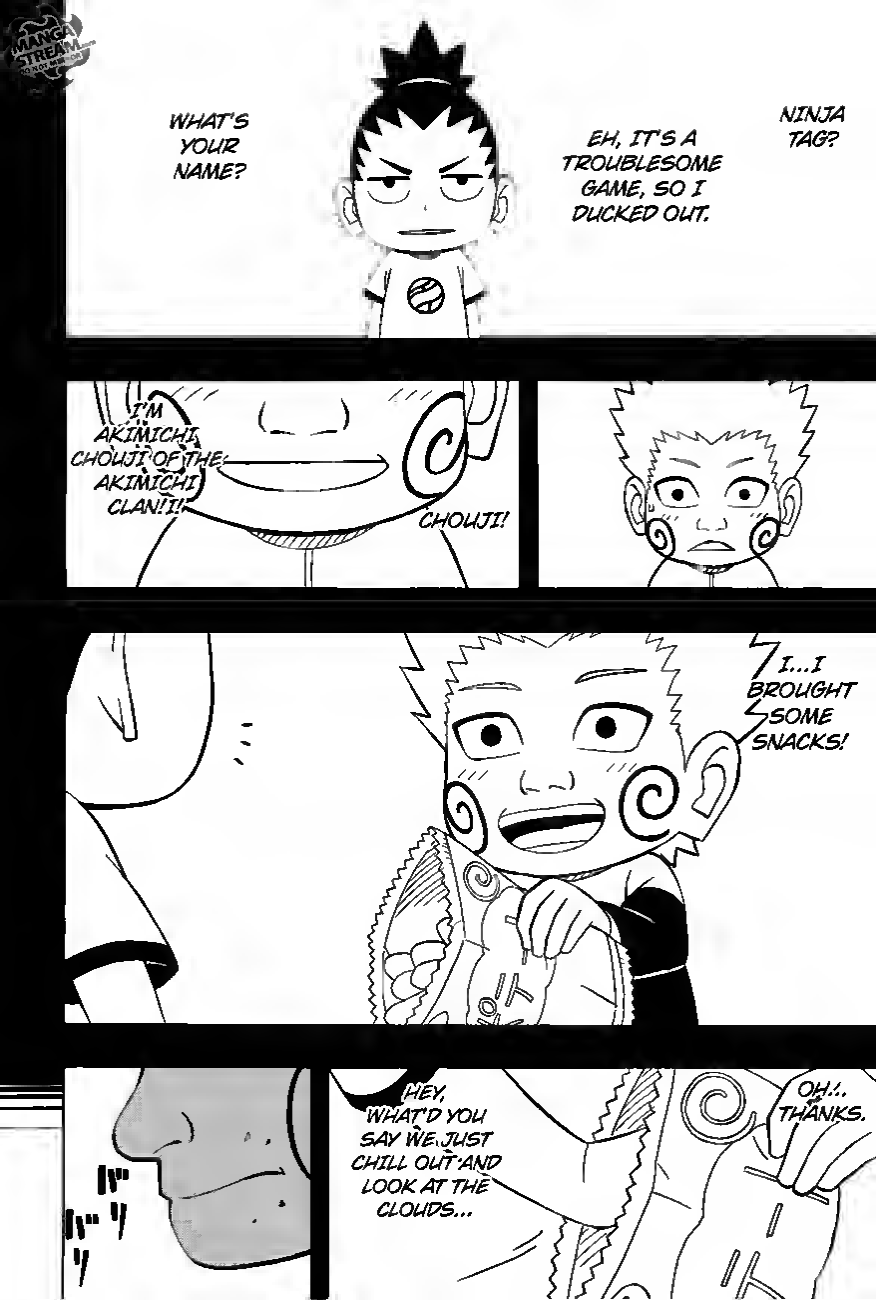
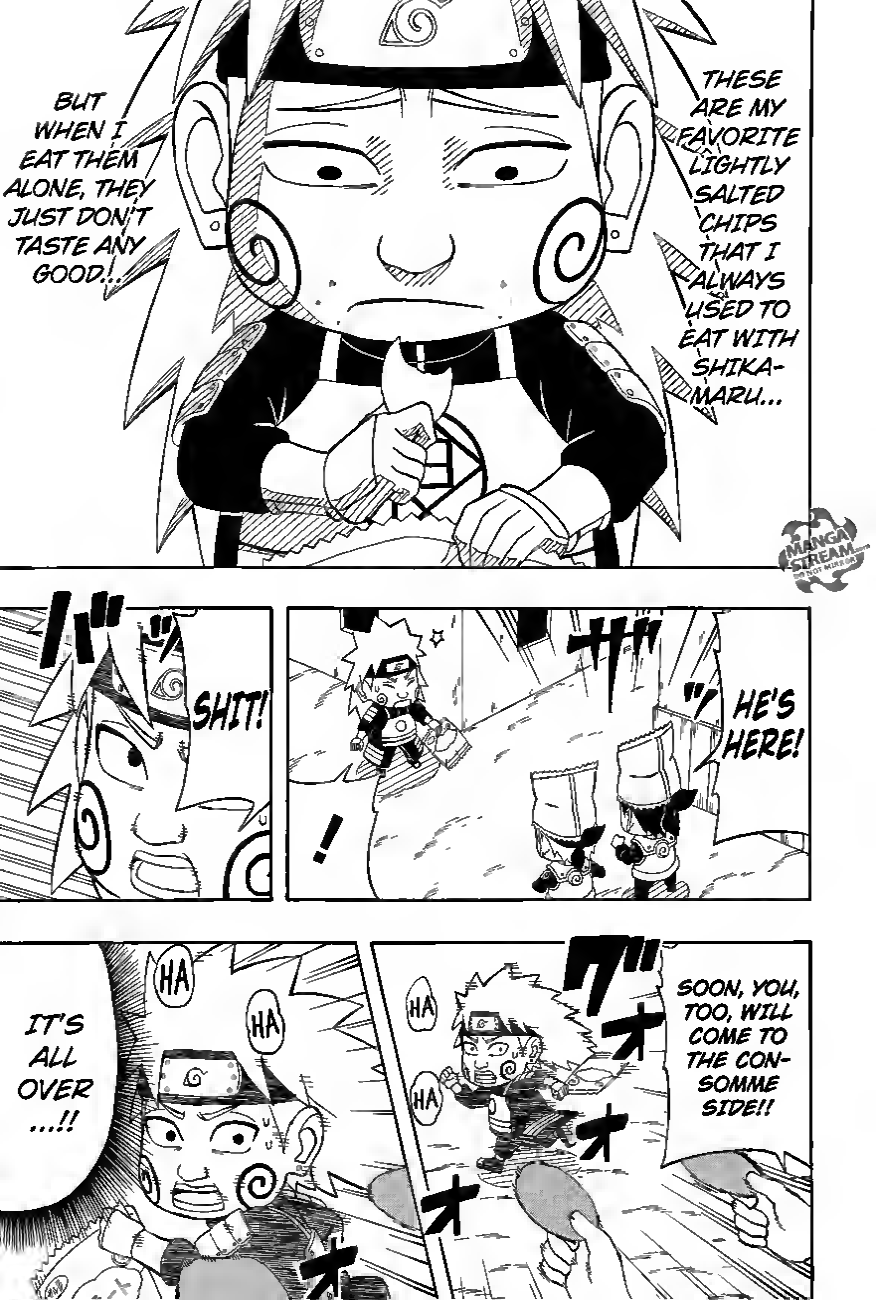

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
EH, IT'S A TROUBLESOME GAME, SO I DUCKED OUT.
NINJA TAG?
I'M AKIMICHI CHOUJI OF THE AKIMICHI CLAN!!!
CHOUJI!
I...I BROUGHT SOME SNACKS!
HEY, WHAT'D YOU SAY WE JUST CHILL OUT AND LOOK AT THE CLOUDS...
OH!.. THANKS.


THESE ARE MY FAVORITE LIGHTLY SALTED CHIPS THAT I ALWAYS USED TO EAT WITH SHIKA-MARU...
BUT WHEN I EAT THEM ALONE, THEY JUST DON'T TASTE ANY GOOD!..
MANGA STREAM
SHIT!
HE'S HERE!
SOON, YOU, TOO, WILL COME TO THE CON-SOMME SIDE!!
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IT'S ALL OVER ...!!

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CHOUJI!!
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SHIKA-
MARU!!!
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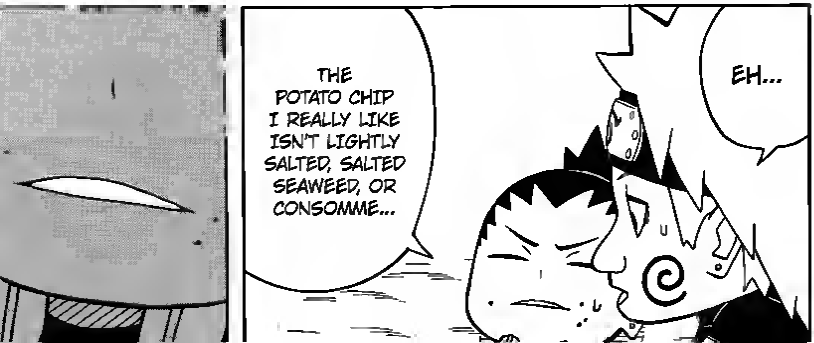
GUAAA!!!

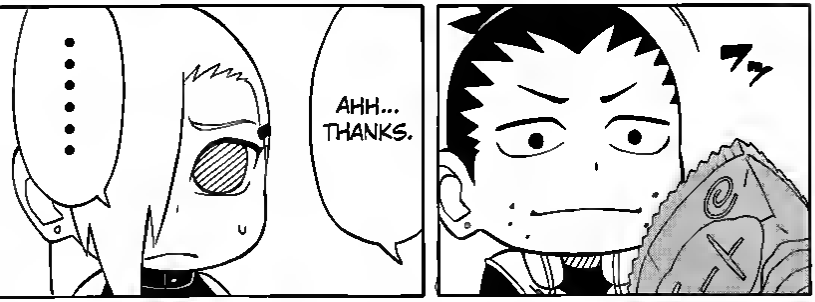
DON'T YOU LIKE SALTED SEAWEED?!
WHY... WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?!
...HEH...
SHIKA-MARU!!

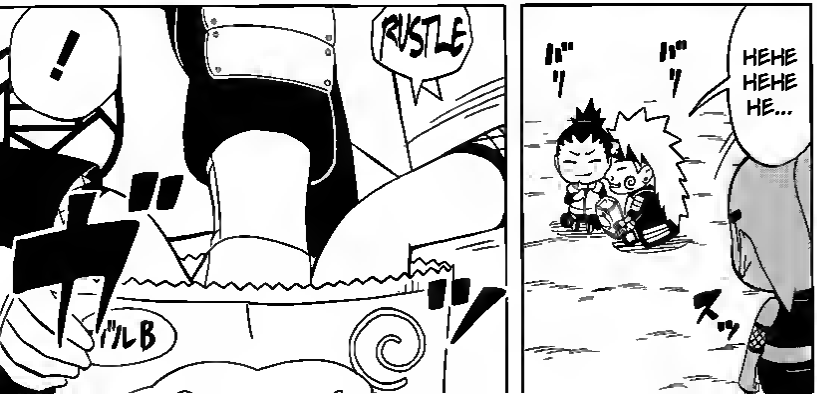
HOW TROUBLESOME! I DON'T EVEN REALLY CARE ABOUT SALTED SEAWEED CHIPS...
...I GOT CAUGHT UP IN EVERYTHING AND STARTED ARGUING ALL OF A SUDDEN, BUT...


THE POTATO CHIP I REALLY LIKE ISN'T LIGHTLY SALTED, SALTED SEAWEED, OR CONSOMME...
EH...

IT'S THE ONE I'M EATING WITH YOU.
SHIKA-MARU...
M...ME TOO...
ALL THE FLAVORS TASTE BLAND WHEN YOU EAT THEM ALONE!!

SHIKA-
MARU...
DO YOU WANT TO EAT SNACKS WITH ME AGAIN?


AHH... THANKS.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INO ...!
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MANGA STREAM
I... SORT OF GOT SICK OF CON-SOMME...
I'LL JUST HAVE WHATEVER FLAVOR YOU GUYS ARE HAVING.
YUM!
HAHA!
WHEW! LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE BACK TO BEING FRIENDS AGAIN...
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CON-SOM-MEEE !!!
AND YET YOU GUYS ARE STILL AT WAR!!

RIGHT!!
MM!!
GEEZ, HOW TROUBLESOME... LET'S DO THIS! CHOUJI! INO! FORMATION INO-SHIKA-CHO!!
T/N: NIKUDAN SENSHA
MEAT TANK!!
T/N: KAGEMANE NO JUTSU
SHADOW IMITATION TECHNIQUE!
T/N: SHINTENSHIN NO JUTSU
MIND BODY SWITCH TECHNIQUE!!

WHAT?! ISN'T THAT JUST A WEIRDER VERSION OF CHOUJI'S MEAT TANK TECHNIQUE?!
FORMATION INO-SHIKA-CHO! THE "ISN'T THIS A PRETTY GOOD POTATO CHIP SHAPE?" TECHNIQUE!
SPIN SPIN

CLEAN THAT UP...
I'M GLAD THE GREAT POTATO CHIP WAR IS OVER AND NO ONE GOT HURT...
MANGA STREAM
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THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS LAME...
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AND THOSE THREE ARE BACK TO NORMAL..
...
UGH, HOW TROUBLE-SOME...
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KURENAI... WHAT'D YOU SAY? HOW 'BOUT A DATE?
LOSER!
LOOKS LIKE ASUMA'S GOING TO NEED ANOTHER MAKEOVER TOMORROW!!
SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH!
CH. 23
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